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WHAT U.S. MEAN BY WORLD PRICES NOT YET CLEAR

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"We Believe We Have Been Selling at World Prices," Minister Declares

ADDRESSES COMMONS

If Grain Prices "Drop to Our Level Effect Will Not Be Serious"

By M. McDUGALL
Leader Correspondent

OTTAWA, June 2nd.—There are naturally periods of some uneasiness when rumors are afloat about possible dumping on the market, at less than market prices, stocks of grain held in the U.S. This grain has been accumulated under price support measures during a period of successive good harvests.

Is Announced Policy

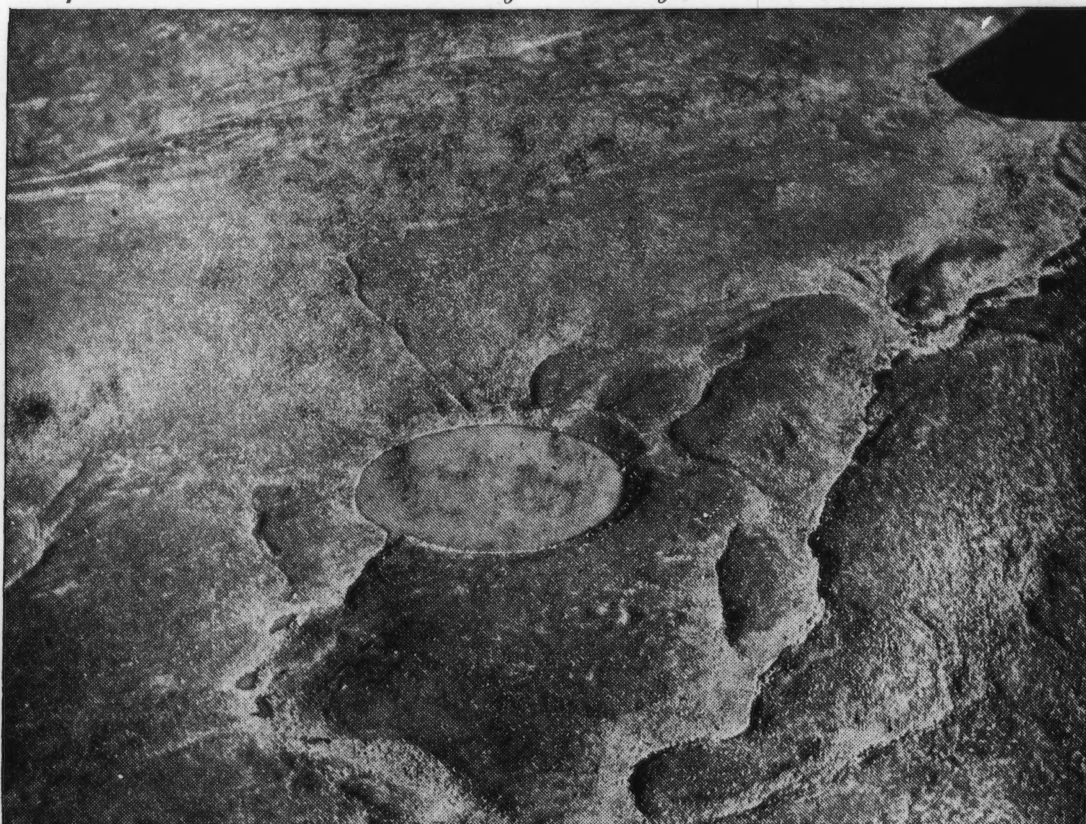
In the past few days it is not rumor but announced policy that U.S. will sell coarse grains at world prices. As Mr. Howe, minister of trade and commerce, remarked on being asked questions about it, it would be difficult to assess the effect of the policy until it established what the U.S. mean by world prices.

"We believe we have been selling at world prices," the minister said. "And if they drop to our prices, the effect will not be serious." Sales of our coarse grains have recently been high. "We dislike programs of subsidizing exports of any kind," the minister commented.

Livestock Markets Brisk

Livestock markets have been quite brisk. Sales of cattle have been running in number about 20 per cent above the equivalent period of last year, while hog sales are down about 13 per cent. Cattle are now, for the time being at least, in the satisfactory position that prices at home and in the U.S., making due allowance for the U.S. import tax and freight, are about on a level. If, therefore, there is a slight surplus of cattle for the domestic market, they can be shipped across the

Expedition Will Study Newly Discovered Crater



Six Canadian and two American scientists, led by Dr. Victor Van Meen, director of the Royal Ontario Museum of Geology and Mineralogy in Toronto, will leave soon to investigate the crater, above (175 yards in diameter, of suspected meteoric origin) which was recently sighted 40 miles west of Hebron, by a plane flying over Labrador. The crater lake, of brilliant apple green, is unlike any other water in the area. The

two-mile wide Ungava crater in Quebec, the world's largest, discovered by an expedition led by Dr. Van Meen in 1950, holds a clear blue lake. It is thought possible that the two craters may have been gouged out of the earth's primeval rock at the same time. The eight-man expedition expect about a month of good weather, in which to carry out their planned exploration of the area.

Farmers on Tour Will Be Guests at Banquet by NFU in London

Arrangements for a reception for the members of the Farmers' Tour to Europe are being completed by the U.K. Ministry of Agriculture, writes Dr. P. Chatlos of Holiday Travel Service, who is now overseas making preparations for the Tour. He announces that a banquet is to be tendered in London to the visiting group by the National Farmers' Union of England and Wales. The Tour, which is being sponsored by The Western Farm Leader, commences at New York on October 19th.

border without any monetary loss to the producer.

The short hog run has boost-

Fisher Co-ops Make Gains

AMHERST, N.S. — Total business for 1953 was \$3,740,000, it was reported to the annual meeting of United Maritime Fishermen, held here recently. This represented a substantial gain over the previous year.

ed hog prices to near the all-time level of July, 1951. The demand for hogs makes them sell by weight, and what is happening is that the producer fattens his hogs in the last few days as much as possible. There is a surplus of fat. It is unfortunate that the program of improving the quality of bacon has been stymied for the present period at least.

Sell Butter at 55½¢ to Trade

The stock of butter bought by the (Continued on Page 5)

Friends All Over World Mourn Passing of "W.A."

By L. D. NESBITT

William A. MacLeod, publicity director of the Canadian Wheat Pool since 1927, died at his home in Winnipeg on Saturday, May 29th, after a brief illness. He was 82 years old.

Ambassador of Goodwill

"W. A." as the late Mr. MacLeod was familiarly known, was more than the publicity director for the whole Wheat Pool movement in western Canada — he was an ambassador of goodwill therefor not only in Canada and the United States but also overseas. Of a philosophical nature, (Continued on Page 12)



CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION

SLOGAN FOR TODAY: "Test and weigh and keep the cows that pay"



THE JUNE SET-ASIDE

What it Does for the Dairy Farmer

IN June, 1950, the Canadian Dairy Farmers did something that has come to be considered an act of very considerable importance.

What they did was to agree to make available a fund for advertising that they themselves have control of, both on policy and performance. This was a very momentous step for dairy farmers to take in 1950, and the advertising to promote dairy products has been of untold value.

Every Year Since 1950

Each year since the inception of what is known as the

"June Set-Aside" in 1950, the dairyman has contributed 1 cent for every pound of butterfat he produces during the month of June and once again in June, 1954, he will do so.

Dairy farmers of Canada, appreciating the urgent need to expand the sale of their products, especially in the face of the continued ever expanding threat of substitutes, have set a target of \$400,000 to be raised

and used for advertising, public relations and research.

What Set-Aside Does

Here's what the June Set-Aside does for the promotion of dairy foods in June and every month of the year:

Magazine and newspaper advertising — five national promotions in 1954.

Four national women's magazines — Chatelaine, Canadian Home Journal, La Revue Populaire, La Revue Moderne.

One professional magazine — Health.

One weekend newspaper — Weekend Picture Magazine.

84 daily newspapers.

262 weekly newspapers.

Radio (French) — seven stations — "Perrette et Jean Marlot."

28 farm journals.

19 trade papers, — to advise grocers, hotels, restaurants, transportation systems and dairy manufacturers.

Outdoor advertising — 19 (47' x 10') painted bulletins across Canada.

Subway advertising — 3' x 5' display posters in the highest traffic area in Canada.

The Central Alberta Dairy Food page and radio service Pool are pleased to be doing — monthly stories and pictures their part again this year.

to 125 English dailies, weeklies, farm magazines and weekend papers. 96 French dailies, weeklies and magazine. Monthly stories to 125 English women radio commentators and 16 French.

Research—Research into the nutritive aspects of dairy foods is being financed continuously by the program.

National Butter Promotion

In addition to the regular national promotions, a special extra national butter promotion was scheduled in March because of the surplus situation. Dairy Farmers of Canada also support promotions other than their own . . . i.e., National Salad Week, Donuts and Milk, etc.

Advertising does produce more sales, and could be that the one cent a lb. butterfat for June would be made up many times over by the extra demand for dairy products and better value for them too.

To Stay in Race

Other products which are keen competitors of dairy products are being widely advertised, so if dairy products are to keep their place in the consumers' favor, they must be advertised much more frequently, much more effectively and to the very best advantage, in order to stay in the race and ensure an equitable return to the dairy farmer.

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Did you make a note of the Date of the
CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL'S

29th Annual Meeting

DAY: Tuesday

DATE: June 22nd.

PLACE: Red Deer

LOCATION: Memorial Centre

(If you are not certain where to find Red Deer's Memorial Centre — please see diagram on this page.)

Business Meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Banquet at 6:15 p.m.

GUEST SPEAKER:

RT. HON. J. G. GARDINER
Federal Minister of Agriculture

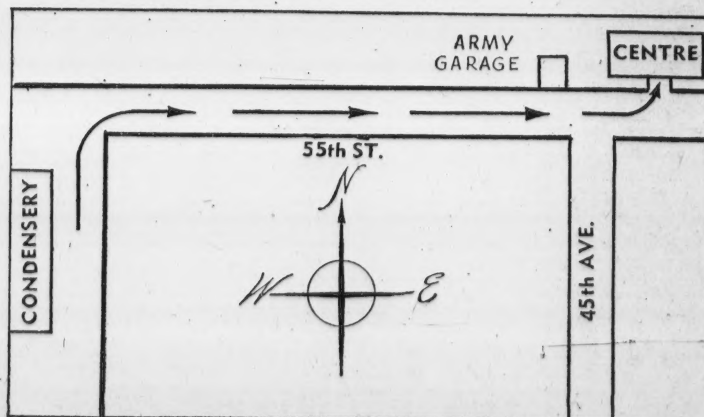
Watch for further announcements

How to Get to Memorial Centre on June 22nd

If you have not been fortunate enough to visit Red Deer's splendid Memorial Centre, the following directions and the diagram below will help you to get there on Tuesday, June 22nd.

Taking the Condensery as our starting point, go north one-half block and follow on east to 45th Ave.

If you are still not sure, make enquiries at the Dairy Pool Office in the Condensery building, and they will be glad to direct you.



The evening banquet will be held in the Oddfellows Hall at 6:15 p.m. and all you will have to do is to follow your neighbor to get there.

CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION

Will Honor 25 Veteran Members

For the last four years we have been happy to be able to extend a special invitation to our annual meeting to certain of our members who have shipped to the C.A.D. Pool for 25 years without interruption.

Again this year it is our happy privilege to have some of our old "faithfuls" with us as our very special guests.

Invitations have been sent to the following members:

F. Godfrey	Lousana	No. 1327
Mrs. F. Sadler	Rowley	No. 1334
P. Jamieson	Alix	No. 1329
S. E. Brown	Delburne	No. 1336
Mrs. H. E. Oro	Clive	No. 1344
Mrs. V. Weatherley	Hackett	No. 1268
L. T. Rash	Erskine	No. 1347
C. H. Guynup	Delburne	No. 1359
Mrs. E. P. Niemela	Benalto	No. 1361
J. W. Ratcliffe	Delburne	No. 1364
George Van Heeren	Bentley	No. 1372
F. De Rosa	Hackett	No. 1380
W. W. Hilton	Ardley	No. 1433
R. M. Shepherd	Erskine	No. 1445
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J. G. Greenwood	Lousana	No. 1388
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C. O. Goddard	Chigwell	No. 1406
E. B. Goddard	Lousana	No. 1396
G. G. Lee	Lousana	No. 1389
Mrs. J. Brodie	Stettler	No. 1397
A. Savary	Box 282, Red Deer	No. 1400
H. Berryman	Alhambra	No. 1440
A. G. Neuman	Loyalist	No. 1415
H. W. Ryning	Rowley	No. 1421

Delegates to 28th Annual Meeting

Names of delegates to the Twenty-eighth Annual Meeting of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool are listed below by Districts, as announced by the committee of Directors in charge of the counting, Messrs. J. B. Bradley, F. Domoney, with H. F. Price as Secretary.

The figure before each name is the number of the section which each delegate represents. The name of each delegate is followed by his post office address and the area covered by the section is indicated in parentheses.

District No. 1

- 1—Ewen McDonald, Alix (Alix).
- 2—John A Hill, Mirror (Mirror and Tees).
- 3—J. G. Anderson, Erskine (Erskine and Nevis).
- 4—Ernest Schultz, Bashaw (Bashaw and Dorenee).
- 5—H. V. Green, R. 1, Halkirk (Donalda, Red Willow, Castor, Halkirk and adjacent points).
- 6—Mrs. Dorothy Brownlee, Botha (Botha and Gadsby).
- 7—Fred Muhlback, Stettler (Stettler and Warden).

District No. 2

- 1—A. G. Wilson, Duhamel (Duhamel and New Norway).
- 2—W. Rutz, Ferintosh (Ferintosh).
- 3—Walter Pearson, Meeting Creek (Meeting Creek).
- 4—M. U. Graham, Edberg (Edberg, Rosalind, Kelsey, Ohaton, Daysland and adjacent points).

- 5—Gus Kraft, R. 1, Ponoka (Ponoka, Menaik, Hobbema, Usona, Homeglen, and adjacent points).
- 5—C. R. Dick, R. 1, Ponoka (Box 7) (Ponoka, Menaik, Hobbema, Usona, Homeglen, and adjacent points).

District No. 3

- 1—Martin Ore, Clive (Clive, Chigwell, Morningside and all adjacent points).
- 2—Joe Giggie, R. 1, Bentley (Bentley, Rimbey, Leedale, Forshee and adjacent points).
- 2—Harry B. Hansen, Bentley (Bentley, Rimbey, Leedale, Forshee and adjacent points).
- 3—C. A. Blackmore, Blackfalds (Blackfalds and Prentiss).
- 4—N. R. Davidson, R. 2, Lacombe (Haynes and Joffre).
- 5—E. C. Crooker, Lacombe (Lacombe).
- 6—Z. I. Gaetz, Bluffton (Hoadley, Breton, Sunnybrook, Winfield, Thors-

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District No. 4

- 1—K. Bonde, Rocky Mtn. House (R.M.H., Leslieville, Carlos, Oras, Bingley, Dovercourt, Cheddarville).
- 2—A. D. Boyce, Red Deer (Red Deer and Hillsdown).
- 2—J. Tinner, R. 1, Red Deer (Red Deer and Hillsdown).
- 3—R. Donkin, Alhambra (Alhambra, Condor, Evergreen, Stauffer and Butte).

- 4—Arthur Staniforth, Evarts (Sylvan, Lake, Benalto and Evarts).
- 5—Henry Linneberg, R. 3, Eckville (Eckville, Hespero and Withrow).
- 6—Wm. Graham, Strachan, (Strachan, Congresbury, Horburg and Saunders).

District No. 5

- 1—A. D. Jensen, R. 1, Delburne (Delburne, Ardley, and Pine Lake).
- 2—Wm. Jubinville, Lousana (Lousana and District).

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CROW'S NEST RATES MUST STAND

The announcement in parliament last week that the government is not planning any measure of interference with the Crow's Nest Pass Agreement rates on grain gives reassurance at a time when the campaign to bring about the abrogation of these statutory rates is exceedingly active.

It must not be assumed that this campaign will be discontinued. It has been carried on with great persistence and has gathered momentum during recent years, and western Canada must maintain its vigilance.

The governments of the prairie provinces, and the farmers' organizations and companies, including the Federations of Agriculture, as well as our chambers of commerce, can be counted on to prepare to meet every thrust that may be made against the agreement. Their hands will be strengthened by assurance of the support of well-informed and alert citizens, including especially the farm people.

W. A. MacLEOD

W. A. MacLeod, to whom in this issue a fine tribute is paid in the sketch of his career by Mr. Nesbitt, played an unpublicized but significant role in the farm movement of Western Canada. He was in his eighty-second year when he died in Winnipeg last Saturday, alert and efficient to the end — and he had spent more than half of his life on the prairies.

When he came to Saskatoon in 1906, he was already a man of considerable experience in the newspaper field — experience which he was to turn to the service of the farm people and their organizations. First, however, as a homesteader and practical farmer, he acquired at the "grass roots" a knowledge of the industry he was to serve.

His interests and sympathies were broad. He was widely informed upon world affairs. For him the brotherhood of man was not a mere phrase. He believed the realizing of ethical standards in national and international as well as regional fields to be worth striving for. He was "realistic" without cynicism. He was tolerant and kindly in personal relations. His passing will be regretted by a host of friends in the farm movement.

LORD BOYD-ORR'S PLAN

News from the conference of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers is as yet fragmentary; but Knowlton Nash, IFAP press officer, intimated in a broadcast on Monday that the conference favored international commodity agreements and that the subject of a world food reserve is under active consideration. A more detailed account of proceedings may be available before our next issue goes to press.

In the meantime it may be of interest to recall the proposals which Lord Boyd-Orr wished to see realized through the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations when FAO was set up. He returns to these proposals in a recently published book "The White Man's Dilemma".

The main feature of the plan Lord Boyd-Orr proposed was the co-operation of the nations of the world on a World Food Board

PEACE TALKS

*Amid the shifting shadows, deep and dark,
We watch uneasy leaders of mankind
In session, and impatiently we mark
The record of their groping moves unwind.
As new suspicions and new fears arise,
Toward a common ground in vain they strive,
And dally with reluctant compromise
That barely keeps a fitful hope alive.
Yet there remains no other avenue
Wherein lies any medium of escape
From gathering at one last rendezvous
With war in unimaginable shape,
And, while debate retards the holocaust,
The dream of peace is not for ever lost.*

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON

which would unify some of the work of FAO, the Economic and Social Council, and the World Bank and would have funds and authority to carry out the main functions set forth as follows:

"1. To assist with credits, industrial products and technical assistance, countries asking for help to develop their agriculture and ancillary industries.

"2. To buy and hold in reserve storable food and other agricultural products, which, after a bumper harvest, or for other reasons, could not be marketed immediately; to release from the world reserve, food or other products in short supply after a bad harvest in any area; and by these and other measures to stabilize prices in the world market within given limits, and so provide a guaranteed world market for agricultural products at a price fair to producer and consumer. (It was realized that international trade in agricultural products can best be carried on through the normal business channels, the Board intervening only when necessary to prevent wide fluctuations in prices, which are bad for agriculture and for industries using agricultural products . . .)"

Incidentally, Lord Boyd-Orr writes (he expressed himself similarly ten years ago) that "the day of cheap food obtained by the rape of virgin lands and the exploitation of land workers is gone."

AS SEEN FROM DELHI (Manchester Guardian)

India is debating the results of the Colombo conference . . . Its basic feeling is resentment to Mr. Dulles, because it believes that he is trying to settle the affairs of Asia over the heads of Asians. Indians see this as the "new colonialism" which they must fight. They expect that the United States will now try to set up an Asian security organization which will include America's Asian satellites — the Philippines, Syngman Rhee, Chiang Kai-shek, Thailand and perhaps Japan. India will oppose this. It will be incensed at what it would regard as the trickery of trying to pass off an organization composed of these countries as being genuinely Asian. It is willing to co-operate with America, but on a give and take basis. The test in India's eyes is whether a genuine attempt would be made to negotiate with China — an attempt in which India's views about the aims and methods of negotiation would be given weight. It does not think it likely that Mr. Dulles will or can make such an attempt. It expects instead that America will threaten China with pains and penalties, and that, when China does not capitulate, it will set up against China a grand alliance of America's puppets, at which the Chinese can safely laugh. This picture which Delhi has made may be distorted and unfair. But that these opinions are widely held in Delhi is a fact which cannot be wished away.

A Short Course in Educational Leadership

By HENRY E. SPENCER

TO develop educational leadership, and particularly to give study to what is usually termed The Larger School Area, the Canadian Educational Association completed last week the second of two most valuable short courses. The course was made possible through the aid of funds from the Kellogg Foundation. It was held at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, and lasted three weeks. It is hoped that the assistance can be renewed for another term.

Those Who Take Part

Those who take part in the school are mostly departmental school officials, such as superintendents and others, and they represent the various provinces broadly in proportion to population. This year the Canadian Teachers' Federation and the Canadian School Trustees' Association were invited to send some representatives.

Let me call attention at this point to the fact that under the British North America Act responsibility for the administration of education is left with the provinces. The act does not say, however, that individual provinces should be responsible for the financing of this important and very necessary social service. To do so must mean a great inequality of educational opportunity for children in various parts of Canada, owing to the differences in provincial revenues brought about by differences in natural resources and industrial activity.

Eleven Different Curricula

The fact that each province does control the administration of education has meant that Canada has eleven curricula — one for each province and two for Quebec. Though this may have a minor advantage in giving each province a voice in direction, it has many disadvantages.

The idea of a wider control in school administration is Canada-wide; but, owing to provincial control, what is a general policy has developed under a different name in each province. One object of such a course as the one held last week is to enable those who attend to discuss the subject in common terms.

Value of Close Association

For the convenience of the delegates it was arranged that they should live in residence at the university and mix in the general dining room or cafeteria. The great distances in Canada make it difficult for those from East and West to know each other, and the provincial administration has a tendency to "provincialism". When, therefore, a group of trained men, drawn from every quarter of this big country, meet, live and associate with one another for three weeks and discuss a common subject, the results are bound to be beneficial.

Work of the Course

The work of the short course has been somewhat as follows: The members meet on most mornings first thing and listen to a discourse from some outstanding educationalist, who is open to questions from the audience afterwards.

Before the course started a program of six studies was decided upon, and each delegate was invited to make his or her choice. These groups met usually twice a day, and threshed out their subject from A to Z.

Another very interesting arrangement was what was called an "At Home." There was one, for example, for the Maritimes, one for Quebec, one for Ontario, one for the Western Provinces. In each case six or eight members of the "At Home" in question would take their seats at the table and be questioned on any phase of school administration in their particu-

THE WRITER

In the course of a long and fruitful career of service to agriculture, to the communities in which he has lived and to Canada as a whole, Henry E. Spencer, a pioneer homesteader of the Edgerton district, has taken part in the building of the farm movement and the co-operative movement. From 1917 to 1921 and from 1936 to 1949 he was a director and on the executive of the United Farmers of Alberta. From 1921 to 1935 he represented Battle River in the Federal parliament, as a member of the UFA group. He was president of the Alberta School Trustees' Association from 1953 to 1948, and he took a leading part in the organization of the Alberta Educational Council. Since 1948 he has been honorary secretary-treasurer of the Canadian School Trustees' Association. Throughout his career, inside parliament and out of it, Mr. Spencer's major interests have included education, public health, co-operation and financial reform.

With his brother and partner of many years, E. Herbert Spencer, Henry and Mrs. (H. Zella) Spencer now live in very active "retirement" at Comox, B.C.

OTTAWA LETTER (Continued from Page 1)

government and held in storage has diminished in past few weeks from 33 million to 29 million pounds and is doubtless lower now. Some of this butter is now being offered for sale at 55½ cents a pound to the trade in Canada, agricultural minister J. G. Gardiner told a questioner in the house recently.

There has been no arrangement to sell any of this butter outside Canada, but if an offer is received it will be considered on its merits. Butter can remain in storage without any deterioration, or practically the same for 18 months. The question has been

lar province by the other members present.

Great Force for Unity

In such a large country as Canada, there is a tendency for people to think in provincial terms. Such national organizations as the Canadian Educational Association, the Canadian Teachers' Federation, National Home and School Federation and the Canadian Association of Adult Education, etc., with their three or four-day conventions, each do a lot of good in helping to develop Canadian thinking. But such a course as the CEA-Kellogg project, where the delegates live and work together for three weeks, is a great force making toward Canadian unity.

This was impressed on all present. Not only did the plan followed give a chance of exchanging experience between the provinces; it also gave a great opportunity to those who attended from our ten provinces to get to know one another, and get to know one another's point of view. As one said, Federation had proved possible for us; and this course and others like it, would bring about a United Canada.

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Agrologists Meet This Week

The annual meeting of the Alberta Institute of Agrologists is being held at the University of Alberta this week (June 3rd, 4th, and 5th). The program for Saturday includes a tour of the new Agricultural Science Building, tour of the Plant Science Plots and the annual Feeders Day Program at the pavilion, University of Alberta Farm.

Affected by 2,4-D Drift

SASKATOON, Sask. — Even as far away as 96 rods, yields of sweet clover seed were adversely affected by drift from 2,4-D, it was shown in tests conducted by the Forage Crops Laboratory here.

Ten municipal seed cleaning plants are in operation in Alberta.

asked if any butter had been sold to U.S.S.R. last spring. Purchases began at 58 cents which is 2½ cents above present offered price, and cost of carrying butter over year has to be added to cost of government.

Ask Trade Liberalization

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft, president of the British board of trade, who is in Canada to open the international trade fair in Toronto, made an earnest appeal while in Ottawa for continuing liberalization of trade between Canada and Great Britain. He wanted to see tariffs kept at a minimum.

This is, of course, in the spirit of the hour, the lowering of tariff barriers, with resulting reduction in production costs to farmers. If we buy more from Britain, the pattern of trade will be improved as far as Britain is concerned. This will help to strengthen sterling, the British currency, and advance the day of convertibility of sterling, with all that that means to international trade.

Wheat Pool Sponsor 35 For University Week

The Alberta Wheat Pool is again sponsoring 35 farm boys and girls at the University of Alberta's Farm Young People's Week. The course is being held in Edmonton from June 8th to 16th.

Basis of Selections

Nominations of the young people were submitted by farm organizations and the winners were selected largely on the basis of their leadership ability and active participation in junior clubs and other community activities.

This Year's Winners

The winners this year, from the odd-numbered Wheat Pool sub-districts, are: Elsie May Ondrik, Etzikom; Beverly Rae Gilchrist, New Dayton; James Charles Matkin, Magrath; David Shearer, Carmangay; Beverly Ann Hillestad, Whitley; Mary C. Semenoff, Lundbreck; Tom Hornecker, Nanton; Viola Joanna Bartelen, Strathmore; Rod L. Barlow, Airdrie; David A. Jorgensen, Blackie; Arnold Rubbelke, Buffalo; Phillip Maier, Rainier; Thomas S. Till, Gleichen. Gregory Schmaltz, Beiseker; Donald Mashford, Trochu; George Doupe, Oyen; Thaddeus W. Paetz, Big Stone; Neil Webber, Endiang; Douglas Gibson, Innisfail; Violet Ann Cordon, Hespero; Tom Nelson, Veteran; Norman Steinwand, Castor; Douglas Wilson, Killam; Nellie Orr, Kelsey; Arlette Kasur, Wetaskiwin; J. Arthur Leighton, Wainwright; Edward Podhaniuk, Clondonald; Eddy Zaplachinski, Innisfree; S. Peter Brown, To-field; Martin Fedora, Chipman; Mike Verbisky, Vilna; Evan Roberts, Westlock; Dorothy J. Goebel, Spruce Grove; James A. Oatway, Clairmont; and Paul Stanich, Silverwood.



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Co-op Life Insurance Has \$50 Million in Contracts

REGINA — Co-operative Life Insurance Company now has more than \$50 millions of insurance and pension contracts in force, it was reported to the seventh annual meeting held here last week. Business increased more than 20 per cent during 1953. Total assets at the end of the year were almost \$2,407,000.

During the year the company's investments earned interest at the average rate of 4.4 per cent, stated the general manager, H. A. Crofford.

Dividends \$69,684

Net operating income for the year was \$109,000, and spending of \$69,684 on dividend to policyholders was authorized.

R. L. Stutt, Regina, was re-elected president at the board meeting which followed the general meeting. R. Stanley, of Edmonton, was elected vice-president, replacing Alex Laidlaw of Antigonish, N.S., who retired from the Board.

Institute to Meet in August

ITHACA, N.Y.—The 1954 conference of the American Institute of Co-operation will be held here August 15th to 19th at Cornell University.

Pool Film Wins Award

WINNIPEG — Produced by Crawley Films for Manitoba Pool Elevators, the film "Episode in Valleydale" has been awarded first place in its class by the Canadian Film Awards Committee.

IMPORTANT PUBLIC MEETINGS

To be held at

Coaldale Community Hall	June 7th
Cardston Social Centre	June 8th
Fort Macleod Town Hall	June 9th
Vulcan Legion Hall	June 10th

Time 8 p.m.

These public meetings are called by the Alberta Federation of Agriculture for the purpose of giving the people of Alberta an opportunity to discuss the question of Marketing Legislation. An invitation is extended to everyone to participate in the discussions with the view to arriving at a solution to best serve farmers' marketing needs.

SPEAKERS:

Roy C. Marler, President, Alberta Federation of Agriculture.
K. V. Kapler, President Alberta Poultry Producers
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Britain's Dairy Herds

The dairy herds, totalling about two and one-half million cows and heifers, produce over a quarter of the value of all output from British farms, and the milk yield per cow in all breeds is continually improving.

About one-quarter of all milking cattle in England and Wales are now recorded—that is, official records are kept of the milk produced by each cow and heifer. The average lactation yield for all recorded cows and heifers in England and Wales was 778 gallons per cow in 305-day lactations in 1951-52. Where herds are not recorded it is only possible to estimate the yields. But the Milk Marketing Board, which sells all the milk produced in England and Wales, estimates the average yield of all cows in milk-selling herds as 640 gallons per cow.

Milking Breeds Divided

The milking breeds are divided roughly into the pure dairy breeds, bred for milk and butterfat, and the dual - purpose breeds which produce good quantities of milk from

animals which also fatten for good quality beef.

One-third Are Shorthorns

About one-third of Britain's cows are Dairy Shorthorns or crosses of these. This is a dual-purpose breed developed from the original Shorthorn, which began as a beef animal. Among the pure milking breeds the British Friesian, originating from Holland, is rapidly gaining in popularity, owing to its high yields, but the Ayrshire, a native of Scotland, continues to hold its own. The Channel Island breeds, valuable for their rich milk, are found throughout the United Kingdom.

Among the dual - purpose breeds there are about 600 herds of Red Polls, including the Queen's herd on the Sandringham Estate and the Harewood herd owned by the Princess Royal.

Beef Cattle Breeds

Many of the great beef-producing herds of the American Continent were founded from British stock. Beef Shorthorns (often called Scotch Shorthorns because they were developed largely in that country) constitute the largest of British livestock exports. Another good beef breed is the black polled Aberdeen-Angus, a stocky little beast which usually carries off the chief honors at the Smithfield Fatstock Show. The white-faced Herefords and the Devons are found throughout the country but the Sussex, Galloways, Highland cattle, and Lincoln Reds are more usually concentrated in their native districts.

Sheep Population of Britain

Wool was the source of England's prosperity in the Middle Ages — which is no doubt why the official seat of the Lord Chancellor, in the House of Lords, is a woollack — but later, wool production declined, and the flocks which survived were looked on mainly as suppliers of mutton.

The difficulty of obtaining shepherds is one reason for the decline in sheep; another is the increasing problem of damage to flocks by uncontrolled dogs, which has caused some farmers, especially near large towns, to give up keeping sheep. In spite of this, however, and although nearly one-fifth of Britain's sheep were lost in the blizzards and floods of 1946-47, the sheep population has risen from sixteen and three-quarter million in 1947 to over twenty-one million now.

In our last issue Britain's wide variety of natural features and the varied pattern of farming which has been the inevitable outgrowth of a combination of these features, of the types of soil and of historical developments in farm production, were described. Wheat and other field crops, and the intensive mechanization of agriculture which has taken place in recent years were also dealt with. Livestock production and dairying and marketing gardening are the subjects in this issue.

Visits to British farms and experimental stations, and conferences with officers of farm organizations and of the department of agriculture will be features of the Farmers' Tour of Europe starting in October under the auspices of the Holiday Travel Service. The tour is sponsored by **The Western Farm Leader**.

There are no fewer than 35 different breeds of sheep to be found in Great Britain, their fleeces ranging from the long, curly wool of the Dartmoor sheep to the tight, fine fleece of the Dorset Down. The breeds vary from hardy mountain sheep, which can live on the sparse herbage of the hills, to hurdle flocks which are "folded" on the arable lands.

Now 14 Breeds of Pigs

Until recently Britain could show 13 different pure breeds of pigs, but that number has recently been added to by the establishment of the Landrace breed imported from Sweden. Some of these 14 breeds are more suitable for bacon production, others for pork; some are good foragers and thrive well out of doors, others are better when kept in buildings. The devotees of each breed contend that there is a special virtue to each breed — particularly their own. At the June census in 1953 there were 5,175,000 pigs in the United Kingdom compared with 1,828,000 in 1943 and 4,394,000 in 1939.

Experiments are continually being conducted into improved methods of management and better housing, and interesting developments are continually coming to light in this respect.

The Poultry Industry

The poultry industry, with a total population of about 92 million birds, is one of the most valuable units of the United Kingdom's agriculture. Here again a great deal of work is continually being done to improve performance and strains, and new techniques and improved equipment are regular features of news.

Breeds of Heavy Horses

The four breeds of heavy horses found in Britain are Shires, Percherons, Clydesdales and Suffolks.

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Three Generations of the Famous Devon Breed



The beauties of the British Isles are varied, and each section has its own devoted admirers. Many have written of the lush green beauty of the rolling farm lands and the wooded hills of the "West Country",

glimpsed in this picture of sleek members of the Devon herd of W. J. King, Cathelstone, Somerset. They are three generations, "Wilscombe Russett", "Cathelstone Russett" and her heifer calf.

The Shire, the largest of the breeds, is a descendant of the Great Horse which in the Middle Ages carried the heavily armored knights into battle. The Clydesdale, a native of Scotland, and the Suffolk, originating in the county of that name, are both used mainly in their respective districts.

The Percheron, originating in France, was first imported into England in 1916. The first consignment consisted of 12 mares and two stallions. The stallions, **Misanthrope** and **Norius**, were of outstanding merit and after another importation in 1917, the British Percheron Horse Society was founded, with the late Lord Lonsdale (who had purchased **Norius**) as President. The breed soon spread in England and Wales, and into parts of Scotland.

The increase in farm mechanisation has led to a rapid decrease in heavy horse breeding; in recent years, in which the Percheron has suffered in common with other breeds. There are, however, many fine studs of Percherons still to be found in the eastern counties of England, and 53 of the breed were exhibited at last year's Royal Show.

Market Gardening Highly Specialized

During the last war, vegetable production was nearly doubled, partly by growing more of these crops on the general farms. Since the peak year of 1946, however, it has dropped by more than 20 per cent.

Market gardening today is a highly specialized type of production. By the use of glasshouses, cloches, forcing pits and other equipment, many crops, such as lettuce, are grown all the year round and all vegetable crops can be grown and matured out of doors during the summer months — although most of the cucumbers and tomatoes are now grown under glass.

Range From 10 to 300 Acres

Many of the intensively-managed market gardens, which may range from 10 to 300 acres, will be found in the counties adjoining London and in South Lancashire. Many of them include acres of glass. The system

using frames and cloches was introduced into Britain in the 19th century from the Continent of Europe and is sometimes called "French gardening", while the Continent also gave Britain the Dutch-light system. Although Britain does not often suffer from drought, the owners of most intensive holdings have installed irrigation plants, which can pump not only pipe water but, if desired, nutrients as well.

Farmers' Day, Camrose

Another gigantic Farmers' Day Celebration is being planned for June 11th by Camrose and District Board of Trade, in co-operation with farm organizations of the district, reports Ken Partridge. The day's program will be similar to that of last year except that the barbecue will be replaced by other features which the committee believe will be equally attractive.

Send Agricultural Officials

Geneva: The Brazilian state of Rio Grande do Sul has sent two agricultural officials to Israel to study the organization and administration of "green belt" settlement and co-operative colonies, with orange growing an important part in the development.

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LONDON, Eng. — With a new powerful cannon, the "Swifts", Britain's first swept-wing service fighters, will be able to bring to bear against an enemy aircraft eight times more high explosives than was possible with earlier types of guns.

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To Acquire Lands Owned by Europeans—Nyasaland

LONDON, Eng. — About half the land still owned by Europeans in Nyasaland, amounting to about 1,400,000 acres, will shortly be acquired by the Nyasaland government, it is announced by Oliver Lyttelton, colonial secretary.

Employment in Canadian textile mills dropped from 27,600 in 1951 to 22,400 at the end of 1953.

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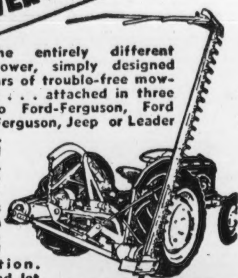
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Co-op and Credit Union Meeting, Red Deer, June 9

Called by H. A. Webber, supervisor of co-operative activities for the Alberta Government, a meeting of representatives of co-operatives and credit unions will be held at Red Deer on Wednesday, June 9th, in the Buffalo Hotel, Norman F. Priestley announces in "The Alberta Co-operative Union Bulletin". Mr. Webber points out that before the Alberta Credit Union can receive Dominion certification it will be necessary for surplus and reserves to be built up, and the meeting will consider ways and means to this end. Arrangements are being made for the attendance of Ralph S. Staples, president of the Co-operative Union of Canada.

Britain Set New Steel Production Record in April

LONDON, Eng. — British steel production in April reached a record weekly average of 368,400 tons.

WORLD CHRONICLE

May 20th. — Canada will try to meet U.S. prices where possible, says grain authority, commenting on Washington announcement that U.S. government-owned coarse grains will be offered at cut-rate prices at end of month. Dublin reports De Valera defeated by Costello coalition in Tuesday's elections (later, final figures 65 and 74 respectively).

May 21st. — Russian proposal for Indo-China armistice accepted by Britain and France as basic for discussion. Australia warns U.S. that plans for sale of American surplus dairy products would disrupt world trade. Guatemala charges U.S. with spreading alarmist reports about imports of arms from Poland. Washington removes ban on travel in bomb test areas of Pacific.

May 22nd. — South Korea agrees to holding of general elections throughout all Korea but plan reported in Geneva to be still far from that Western powers.

May 23rd. — London announces U.K. exports to Russia and China in past three months totalled just over four million pounds. Another Nazi war criminal, sentenced to 15 years in 1947 for responsibility for wholesale murders, released by British, states Bonn report. India's Krishna Menon, author of formula which led to Korean cease-fire, reported in Geneva to aid in Indo-Chinese talks. (India was not accepted as member of conference when it was convened.)

May 24th. — U.S. Supreme Court rules segregation of negroes in schools is unconstitutional. French pilots have evacuated 421 wounded from Dien Bien Phu, reported from Hanoi; expect complete removal of all 858 in four days. U.K. members of parliament increase their basic pay to \$4,200 yearly. U.S. flies arms to Nicaragua and Honduras, neighbors of Guatemala, which is reported receiving arms from Communist countries. In Washington, General Ryan testifies Schine was regarded by fellow soldiers as "man set apart" but denied "red carpet" treatment had been accorded him.

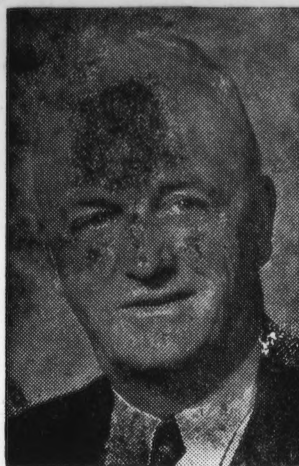
May 25th. — In Washington, Dulles says \$10,000,000 arms shipment from Poland makes Guatemala dominant military power in Central America.

May 26th. — France again postpones EDC decision. Vietnamese forces move northwards, threatening French positions in Red river delta. In Washington, company commander testifies



HAILE SELASSIE

Farmer Appointed



George E. Church, of Balzac, above, president of U.F.A. Co-operative Limited, has been appointed by Premier Manning as one of a seven-man provisional board for the Alberta Gas and Trunk Line Company, which was approved at the last session of the Legislature, thus giving farmer representation on the board. Other members are Ralph Will, R.H.C. Harrison, Vernon Taylor, N. E. Tanner, all of Calgary, and Ronald Martland, Q.C., of Edmonton; a seventh is still to be appointed.

Schine's character rating was only "fair" at end of basic training; McCarthy walks out, in protest against "such drivel" but soon returns. Canadian army has discarded British 5.5 gun in favor of U.S. howitzer, reported in Ottawa. Non-operating employees of Canadian railways will take strike vote.

May 27th. — Hanoi reports French have evacuated third strong point in Red river delta. Spain moves to stop Spanish tourists from crossing border to Gibraltar. Cohn testifies at Washington hearing that Army heads tried to stop McCarthy's probe into alleged Communism in U.S. army. Under NATO agreement, Canada will send 27 Sabre jet fighters each to Greece and Turkey, at cost of \$16 millions, announced in Ottawa. RCAF air-lift to Korea will be discontinued at end of week; has made 1,200 Pacific crossings.

May 28th. — Eight members of British Labor party will visit China this summer, with parliamentary groups from other countries for purposes of study; Clement Attlee and Aneurin Bevan will make this HAILE SELASSIE tour together, London headquarters announces — this taken to indicate press reports of "split" not well-based. France will call up 80,000 army draftees one to four months ahead of regular time, to make more troops available for Indo-China. Peiping radio announces beginning in language reform; will eventually replace word-characters with alphabet. British rail union takes up grievance of striking workers in western region (order calling for more "lay-overs") on condition they return to work. McCarthy repeats demand that civil servants report to him regarding "traitors" in government though Eisenhower has forbidden such action. In New York, loyalty board declares Dr. Ralph Bunche "loyal citizen."

May 29th. — Menzies coalition government returned to power in Australia with reduced majority over Labor opposition. Geneva despatch states agreement reached on meeting of

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FARMERS AND POWER COMPANIES

Editor,

The Western Farm Leader:

The 1953 financial statements of the three Power Companies operating in Alberta have recently come to hand. Analysing these we find some facts of interest to both farmers and other power users.

In the first place the Power Companies enjoyed the best year in their history. Profits for 1953 including income taxes, struck a new high of \$6,280,619, an increase of more than a million dollars over 1952. Since 1947, profits have totalled over \$25,000,000, much of which could have been saved to the people of Alberta by a Power Commission system.

Analysing the actual amount of their shareholders' money which the Power Companies have invested in their holding in Alberta we find the following:

Calgary Power Ltd., \$18,039,985;
Canadian Utilities Ltd., \$4,527,700;
Northland Utilities Ltd., \$896,300;
Total investment of shareholders,
\$23,463,985.

Return on Investment

On this actual investment in 1953, the Companies had a return of 26.7 per cent before providing for income taxes. Even after allowing for all taxes the net return was \$3,476,218 or over 14.8 per cent on their actual investment.

In addition to their shareholders' money, the Power Companies use a large amount of borrowed money on which they pay as high as 4½ per cent interest, a rate much higher than an Alberta Power Commission would ever need to pay. All this is charged against costs and profits are, of course, over and above all costs.

Analysing the Power Companies' statements a little further, we find that their total investment including both shares and borrowed money, totals some \$85,815,000.00.

On this the Alberta public paid to the Power Companies last year a total of \$7,660,000 in profit and interest. This was in addition to all costs of operation.

This is a rate of 8.9 per cent on money which the province could easily have provided at 3 per cent, a saving of over \$5,000,000 to power users. Even if income tax is allowed for, the saving would still be over two and a quarter million dollars. It should be borne in mind, however, that a Pro-

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French and Vietminh military delegates to arrange cease-fire terms, Sir Edmund Hillary, who climbed to top of Everest one year ago today, reported ill with pneumonia in remote Himalayan valley. (Later reported recovering.)

May 30th. — Disclosed that Eden has predicted China will send troops into Indo-China if there is intervention with armies from other foreign states. Hanoi reports defences of Red river delta being reorganized, on orders from Paris. Hore-Belisha suggests use of atomic power to blast out new canal to provide alternative shipping route to Suez canal, London reports. Governor-General of Pakistan ousts East Pakistan government; charges disloyalty.

May 31st. — From London comes report that Iranian premier has called on Eden to help settle Anglo-Iranian oil dispute. Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia, invited to visit Britain, on invitation of Queen; is now in U.S.; will spend three days in Canada. Two U.S. airbases will be constructed in Spain, stated in Madrid; work to begin in fall.

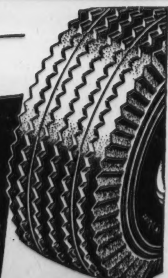
June 1st. — French and Vietminh representatives meet to arrange military talks on terms of Indo-China armistice. Tito pays state visit to Greece.

June 2nd. — U.S. withdraws air force technicians from Indo-China, at expiry of ninety-day period authorized by Congress.

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Co-operative Week to Be Observed in Quebec

— Press and Radio Support as Notable Precedent Set —

FOR all French Canada in Quebec, wherever the ideas and ideals of the co-operative movement have penetrated, and among great sectors of the population who perhaps, have not as yet been touched by the movement or acquired an elementary understanding of it, the coming week will be an event of major importance. For the first time in that province — and as far as we know there is no exact precedent in any other — an ambitious concentrated program will be carried out on a province-wide scale through and in behalf of the co-operative movement. It will be "La Semaine de la Co-operation" — Co-operation Week — June 6th to 12th.

Campaign on Massive Scale

The Council of Co-operation ("Conseil Canadien de la Co-operation") has enlisted the support of 28 French radio stations, French language radio stations, 50 French weeklies, as well as some 12 to 15 daily newspapers, in the week's observance. In Alberta, the French language newspaper of Edmonton, *La Survivance*, will discuss the Quebec events editorially.

For this information, and for the translation of an article which follows, sent out by the sponsors of the Co-operative Week, we are indebted to Louis Normandeau of Winterburn, who is well-known throughout Alberta as himself a veteran of the farm movement and its co-operative enterprises. The article translated into English by Mr. Normandeau, reads:

First Time in History

"For the first time in the history of the co-operative movement in the province of Quebec, there will be, this year, a week, June 6th to June 12th, 'La Semaine de la Co-operation' (Co-operation Week).

"This is an initiative from the Co-op Council of Quebec, with the collaboration of all co-operative sectors of that province as well as French sections of our council in the other provinces. Already, several co-operatives have elaborated a certain program under the direction of regional co-operative councils in order to celebrate Co-operation Week in a most fitting way.

"There will be manifestations in all regions of our province on this occasion. The agricultural sector, the oldest and the one better organized, will bring an exceptional contribution to the realization of special programs during that important week.

Matter of "Sheer Necessity"

"It is not because of 'snobisme' that the idea of a Co-operation Week has been suggested. It's the sheer necessity. Necessity to shake the conscience of those co-operators who have fallen asleep; necessity to stimulate faith and enthusiasm in others; necessity to focus the attention of a large proportion of our population on the possibilities of the co-operative formula in domains as numerous as possible; necessity to convince one and all that co-operation represents, in a democracy such as ours, a powerful tool or ('weapon') to make the people master of its own destiny.

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vincial Power Commission is not subject to income tax, nor should they be. As far as I can see there is no good reason why power users should be overcharged in order that a power company can share the profits with

the Federal Government. That is poor business for us.

During Seven Years

During the past seven years, Alberta farmers have been forced to put up over 20 million dollars to electrify some 25,000 farms. During that same period the Power Companies in Alberta have collected in profits over 25 million dollars. It is quite evident that under a different system the profits could have built all the rural lines without costing either the taxpayer or other power users anything extra.

Under the system being followed here, Alberta farmers will have to put up over 40 million dollars more to electrify the remaining 40,000 or so farms which can be reached. If we don't change our system, we'll pay another 60 million in profits to the Power Interests while we are doing so. Truly, this is a great system — for the Power Companies.

From the foregoing analysis it will be seen that the people of Alberta are paying several million dollars extra each year in order to maintain those sacred cows of Free Enterprise, the private Power Companies. Why should we be satisfied with a deal of that kind when a Power Commission such as in Manitoba could give us power at cost? This is not merely a farmers' problem, all classes here are paying tribute to the Power Interests. It is time something was done about it.

HENRY YOUNG, President,
Farmers' Union of Alberta.
Edmonton, Alberta.

FARMERS AND URBAN CITIZENS

Editor,
The Western Farm Leader:

I feel the urge to express one reader's hearty approval of that assertion credited to R. K. Bennett, Chief of the Livestock Marketing Service, Federal Department of Agriculture in your news columns recently: "The farmer needs the support and sympathy of his fellow urban citizens if the latter are to willingly pay fair prices. . . Fifty years ago, half the population of Canada was engaged in farming, while today it is less than 20 per cent. Many city people know virtually nothing about farming as they have no contact with farmers or farming. . ."

Along somewhat the same line was the subsequent warning by an American senator (Edward Thye of Minnesota): "If there is a recession in Agriculture, it will be reflected in every business, in every industry, in the take-home-pay of every U.S. worker."

In closing, may I add my conviction, from discussing farm problems with urban Canadians, that only a tiny fraction of the latter are aware of the fact that only about 52 cents of their "food dollar" get back to the primary producers? In my opinion, this is the chief reason why off-the-farm Canadians fail to realize the link between upsurging costs in town and city, and the price of food to the final buyer. It should be somebody's business to bring these rural-urban facts to the spotlight?

W. P. DAVISSON, Toronto.

His Government Returned



Prime Minister Menzies of Australia, above, was victorious in Saturday's general election with reduced majority. His coalition government took the lead over the Labor opposition as rural returns came in.

Plant Cuttings in Garden

INDIAN HEAD, Sask. — The Forest Nursery Station here recommends that the poplar and willow cuttings distributed to farmers each spring should be planted in the garden where they can be given special care. In the following spring the rooted cuttings can be transplanted to their permanent places.

Sees Perils in U.S. Policy

MANCHESTER, Eng. — Commenting on the situation in Indo-China, the Manchester Guardian states: "American policy, so far as can be judged — and that is not very far just now — seems to be to use the threat of

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possible 'retaliation' both to deter China from full intervention and if possible to make her stop her present aid to the Vietnam as well. But here we are in the shadow land, where we do not know exactly either what the other man is doing or what we ourselves might do. If there is an element of bluff in this policy, it may be dangerous; if your bluff is called you may find that you have your hands tied in advance."

Wheat Pool Elections

The operations of the Alberta Wheat Pool are democratic in every way. Members in each of the 70 Wheat Pool sub-districts elect a delegate and it is these men who lay down all the important policies of the organization. Since Wheat Pool delegates must all be actively engaged in farming, the policies of this farm co-operative are always calculated to be in the best interests of farm people.

But while Wheat Pool delegates have the responsibility of setting the policies of the organization, every member also has his responsibility — that of making sure his sub-district is capably represented.

This summer the election of delegates takes place in the 35 even-numbered Wheat Pool sub-districts. Nomination forms have been distributed and members should see to it that nominations are in the head office of the Alberta Wheat Pool in Calgary not later than June 30.

Remember, the Alberta Wheat Pool is your organization. Be sure to take an active interest in all Wheat Pool affairs.

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Hold Summer Courses

MANCHESTER, Eng. — Available to co-operative officials, committee members, employees, students and youth groups, the Co-operative Union is again holding a variety of summer courses at six different centres. In addition to studies of all aspects of co-operation, special courses will be offered on industrial design and on drama; and a special course on co-operation in Scandinavia will be given.

FARM WOMEN'S INTERESTS

Including News of The Farm Women's Union of Alberta

Our Parent-Teachers' Federation Convention

Comox, B.C.

Dear Farm Women:

It was very interesting to me to attend a convention of the British Columbia Parent-Teacher Federation. It was holding its annual convention in Burnaby — now almost a continuation of the city of Vancouver.

Changes From Old Convention Days

I watched the attentive audience with its very, very much greater percentage of women than men. I think of the changes since old farm convention days. One delegate to whom I was talking had flown part of her journey, then gone by bus and then by steamer, so there was an evident desire to be there. And how much easier the mechanical "speakers" made it for the ones in the back to hear.

The convention opened with the singing of "O Canada". For good measure this was followed by the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner", which I could not recall as one of our convention features. Naturally there were many fraternal delegates, all most happy to be there — that was not new. But the guests with their pleased expressions, the beautifully painted table cover, and the flowers, made the platform with its background of the slogan "Accent Understanding" very pleasant to see.

Fraternal Delegate From Alberta

I was naturally very pleased to see and hear a fraternal delegate from Alberta speaking on "Understanding the Alberta Federation of Home and School." As he made most kindly remarks to me afterwards about my good man, I was the more pleased. The organization here is older, I think, and larger than its Alberta counterpart and is closely knit with the organization of its own name in the State of Washington with whom fraternal delegates are always exchanged.

The keynote address was "Accent Understanding", and different addresses emphasized "Understanding P.T.A.", "Understanding the School.", "Understanding Ourselves" was most entertaining. A meeting of about eight women and one man sat round a table discussing one of the convention resolutions. One typified the conservative type, one the over-eager, one the type who agreed with everyone etc. They did it most entertainingly and made us, I think, wonder which part we played at meetings and in conventions.

"Crime Comics" First Pressing Problem

The president, in her address, set forth what she considered the most pressing problems requiring the earnest attention of every organization. They were "Crime and Horror Comics", and she reminded her hearers they needed to make a concerted drive now to make sure the Fulton Bill is enforced. The second problem she mentioned was gambling in many forms in our communities, and she deprecated raising money by bingo, as it is a gambling game, and by raffles. Two further problems were the increase in drug addiction and in alcohol addiction.

The president went on at length regarding the latter and reminded us that the sale of alcoholics in the year ending March, 1953, amounted to nearly eighty million dollars for British Columbia which had the highest per capita in Canada being nearly fifty-five dollars for every man, woman and child.

I shall go on in another letter and tell you of some of the resolutions which were discussed. In the meantime, I shall say, I do hope the weather is improving with you.

Yours sincerely,

H. Zella Spencer.

Requested No Flowers at Funeral—Money Will Aid Work of Big Sisters

According to the *Calgary Herald*, the dying request of a Calgary woman who had been deeply interested in the work of Big Sister Clubs, that no flowers should be sent to her funeral, has resulted in the starting of a fund by her friends, to be known as the Grace Mathieson Memorial Fund, to carry on the organization's work for teen-age girls. Mrs. Mathieson's family plans to contribute a certain amount to the fund every year. It will be used to provide scholarships or for teen-age counselling. (Readers of *The Western Farm Leader* will remember that on several occasions the honoring of the memory of friends by making a contribution of money to some good cause, instead of spending it on flowers, has been advocated by Mrs. Spencer — Editor W. F. L.)

Streamlined Co-op Store

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — A new store opened by the Stockholm Co-operative Society — a far cry from the first co-op store in Rochdale in 1844 — is open 24 hours a day, sells everything from soup to nuts, and has very low labor costs. An "automat" server, with 200 compartments, has been installed, which is open day and night; a wide range of goods are available, including tea, coffee, cakes, cookies, butter, eggs, canned goods, as well as soap, razor blades, light bulbs, fuses, shoe polish, bandages, and many other articles. The compartments are filled from inside the store, and the whole machine is attractively illuminated. Correct change is given automatically where necessary, and the goods are accompanied by a patronage dividend check for the amount of the purchase.

Turkey and Sweden are among far-away countries which are viewing the Alberta-made film "They Dance Again", on the Red Cross Crippled Children's Hospital in Calgary.

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PREPAYMENT VITAL

Meeting Also Told "Commercial Health Insurance" Is Quite Inadequate

ST. PAUL, Minn. — For \$10 per month a family can have all the medical care it will ever need, with cost of hospitalization only \$1 or \$1.50 per month per person in addition.

The open secret of this possibility of really spectacular reduction in costs of illness — spectacular when compared with the present sort of "free enterprise" or lack of planning in such matters — is "prepayment."

The estimate of lowered costs attainable was made by Dr. Russell V. Lee, director of the Palo Alto clinic, California, at the Group Health Mutual's annual meeting here recently. The achievement is possible, he said, if only the people will organize intelligently. This the Mutual has done.

"Drastic Cut in Bills"

Preventive medicine depends on prepayment, Dr. Lee said. He explained that people won't visit the doctor when they should unless the doctor's bill is prepaid. Preventive medicine will drastically cut the nation's hospital bills, he said. "Ordinary private health insurance, which repays part of the policyholder's expense, only encourages over-hospitalization," Dr. Lee said.

Commercial Plans Inadequate

Frank Edwards, American Federation of Labor radio newscaster, told the meeting commercial health insurance is "inadequate." It doesn't cover medical care cost, can't control fee-hiking, and is renewable only at the company's option, he said.

"A million U.S. families went bankrupt when illness struck last year," Jerry Voorhis, executive secretary of the Co-operative Health Federation of America, said. They spent over half their year's income on medical care. They paid for it on an emergency, fee-for-service basis. None of them were members of group health plans. Had they been, they'd have paid \$8, \$10, or \$15 a month regularly — and that would be all."

Group Health Mutual serves 120,000 persons — mostly in Minnesota and Wisconsin — with some kind of medical insurance. Its 1953 premium income was \$2.7 million, and it paid out \$1.7 million in benefits. It operates Group Health Federal Credit Union, with assets of \$136,000, to help members self-insure catastrophic illness. Its members have taxed themselves 10c a year to finance \$500-a-year scholarships to budding doctors

FARM HOME & GARDEN

Braised Beefsteak: For each half-pound of thick steak, you'll need 1 small onion, ½ clove garlic, crushed, ½ green pepper, sliced, 1 cup stewed or canned tomatoes, 1 bay leaf, 1 tbs. dripping. Salt and pepper the steak, brown in hot fat. Saute onions and green peppers; place steaks in casserole, add other ingredients, and bake in a moderate oven, covered, for about two hours. When ready to serve, sprinkle with chopped parsley.

Four-Fruit Loaf: Cream together 1/3 cup each softened butter and dark brown sugar; add 2 tsp. each grated orange and lemon rind, 1 egg, and 1 cup cottage cheese. Sift 1½ cups flour with 1½ tsp. baking powder, ½ tsp. soda, ½ tsp. salt, and ½ cup each chopped dried prunes and chopped dried apricots. Pack in greased loaf tin, and bake in moderate oven about 1 hour; cool, wrap, and store in refrigerator. It slices best after several hours.

For a Neat Hem: Pin up hem, baste along fold, remove pins and press. If there's extra width at top of hem, take large loose machine stitches a quarter-inch from edge; pull up lower thread, and even out fullness. Press, using damp cloth for materials such as linen or wool, which can be shrunk; for cotton, silk or rayon, press the fullness flat. If binding is not to be used, run a second row of machine stitches along edge; hem by hand, using strong thread and a loose stitch. Make stitches as invisible as possible, of course.

Swedish Tea Ring: Cream ¼ cup honey with ½ cup butter, add ¼ cup boiling water. When cool, add 1 yeast cake dissolved in ½ cup cold water. Stir, add 1 beaten egg, ½ tsp. salt and 3 cups flour. Knead well. (This can be kept in refrigerator, overnight, or until ready to use.) Roll half dough into oblong sheet about quarter inch thick. Spread with 2 tbs. softened butter, and sprinkle with ½ cup brown sugar, ¼ tsp. cinnamon and quarter cup each of blanched chopped almonds, strips of citron peel and raisins. Roll like jelly roll and form into ring. Cut at intervals of about an inch almost through, and turn each section to the side. Brush with egg white and allow to rise for two hours at room temperature. Bake for 30 minutes in hot oven. (Other half of dough can be used for second ring or for loaf).

Twenty-one Calgary doctors spend thousands of hours each year doing voluntary work at the Red Cross Crippled Children's Hospital.

Alberta women made 27,753 knitted and sewn articles and 419,486 surgical dressings for the Red Cross last year.

Scottish tourist trade was at a record high level in numbers and value last year, the total being 260,000, value £9 million.

and nurses. They have found this investment well worth while.

While Dr. Lee is one among many individual medical men in the United States who favor measures to reduce the vast burdens of medical and hospital services, which every year inflict grave hardship on a multitude of Americans, the American Medical Association is utterly opposed to such measures, and to action by public authorities along similar lines. It maintains a powerful lobby at Washington, and regards progress along the lines proposed by Dr. Lee as "creeping socialism" — to quote an often-used phrase. Such plans of national health insurance as that of the United Kingdom — which is supported even by the Conservative party — the AMA also condemn root and branch.



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Indonesia has one doctor per 60,000 inhabitants.

News of Women's Locals

Mrs. Gervais writes that Black Diamond F.W.U.A. chose two girls to go to the Farm Young People's Week.

Marwayne F.W.U.A. will celebrate Farmers' Day with a picnic at Green Lawn, reports Mrs. E. Gray, secretary.

"How to Treat a Patient at Home" was the title of a talk given by the district nurse, Miss Charleston to East Drumheller F.W.U.A.

Mrs. L. Jackson gave a very interesting sewing demonstration to Dolcy-Browning F.W.U.A. (Edgerton) recently, reports Mrs. H. Scott.

South Berry Creek F.W.U.A. (Cessford) recently arranged to pay one-third of the expenses of the speaker for the annual convention at Square Deal.

Milo-Queenstown F.W.U.A. recently heard an interesting report on the Vulcan Conference by Mrs. Papp, and Mrs. Winch read the bulletin.

Mrs. W. J. Edmunds, secretary, writes that Royce F.W.U.A. (Hines Creek) recently heard Mrs. Kobbert's report on the leadership course at Olds with great pleasure.

Members of Ghost Pine F.W.U.A. were guests of the Three Hills local recently, when Miss Shatz, district economist, gave a demonstration on sandwich making.

Hope Valley F.W.U.A. (Edgerton) have invited Vanesti and Paradise Valley locals to join them in celebrating Farmers' Day, writes Mrs. B. Chesterman, secretary.

Several members of Barrhead F.W.U.A. writes Mrs. V. E. O'Brien, have agreed to collect information and pictures of the early days of local farm organizations.

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Livestock Market Review

CALGARY, STOCKYARDS, June 2nd. — Hogs closed yesterday \$35.25. Good to choice butcher steers were \$18.75 to \$20, down to \$15 for common; good to choice heifers were \$18 to \$18.50, down to \$14 for common; good cows, \$13.50 to \$14.50, down to \$11 for common; canners and cutters \$8 to \$10.50; good stocker and feeder steers \$16 to \$17.50, down to \$14 for common.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, May 31st. — Last week's closing quotations included: choice fed calves \$17 to \$19; choice steers \$19 to \$19.50, down to \$13 for common; choice heifers \$17 to \$18, down to \$11 for common; good cows \$12.75 to \$13.75; canners and cutters \$6 to \$10; hogs, grade A for coast slaughter, \$35.50; good lambs \$20 to \$22 off trucks.

The Dairy Market

Special cream, to producers, is 59 cents; No. 1 is 57, No. 2 is 48 and off-grade 42. First-grade butter, in prints, wholesale, is 60 cents.

Egg and Poultry Market

CALGARY — Egg prices remain, to producers, at 30 cents for A large, 28 for A medium, and 25 for A small. B's are 22 and C's 18. Dressed chicken, under 4 lbs. are 32 for Grade A, 28 for B and 20 for C. Dressed fowl, under 4 lbs., 18 down 8; 4 to 5 lbs., 20 cents down to 9; over 5 lbs., 22 down to 11.

Canada imported 36 head of Ayrshire cattle from Britain in 1953.

The Wheat Situation

E. PATCHING,
Alberta Wheat Pool

World trade in wheat this year is lagging well behind that of a year ago. In the ten-month period from July 1st (the beginning of the United States crop year) to April 30th exports from the four major wheat exporting nations totalled 555 million bushels compared with 660 million in the same period last year. This represents a decline of 16 per cent. Exports by countries were as follows:

	Exports by Countries	
	10 months 1953-54	10 months 1952-53
Canada	230.1	292.8
United States	169.4	281.2
Australia	59.4	75.9
Argentina	95.7	10.6

On the basis of these figures, supplied by the United States department of agriculture, exports from the U.S. are down 40 per cent, from Canada 22 per cent and from Australia 22 per cent. On the other hand, with a substantial recovery of production from the extremely low level of 1951, Argentine exports are roughly back to normal. Preliminary reports indicate that wheat exports this season from other countries, particularly Turkey and Sweden, are up substantially.

Factors in Falling Off

The falling off of world trade in wheat can be attributed to a number of factors, the most important of which is that crops in almost all parts

Thatcher Predominates

Thatcher will again be the predominant variety of wheat sown in Alberta. According to a survey conducted by the Alberta Wheat Pool, it will occupy 60.2 per cent of the province's wheat acreage, a gain of 7.5 per cent over last year. Saunders once more is in second place, being sown on 12.2 per cent of the acreage.

Garnet Wheat Only 1.5%

A noticeable feature of the survey is that Garnet wheat, now being discouraged because of its inferior milling and baking quality, has dropped to only 1.5 per cent of the province's wheat acreage compared with the 7.1 per cent which it occupied a year ago. Durum wheat has increased by one per cent over last year and will occupy 1.6 per cent of the total acreage, most of this being sown in southern Alberta.

The table below shows the percentage of Alberta's wheat acreage occupied by the most important varieties:

Thatcher	60.2
Saunders	12.2
Marquis	7.1
Red Bobs	6.1
Rescue	5.4
Durum	1.6
Garnet	1.5
Winter	1.4
Canus	0.6
White Spring	0.2
Other varieties	3.7

The "other varieties" are mainly Chinook and Redman. — of the world have been unusually large in each of the past two years. The second reason is that European nations, especially the United Kingdom, which have been carrying a substantial stockpile of wheat, have been releasing this grain on to their domestic market, thus reducing import needs. Another possible reason for reduction in wheat trade is that agriculture in Europe has completely recovered from World War II and there is now a greater diversity of food available than in the immediate post-war years.

Present indications point to another large world wheat crop. Conditions in Europe are generally good; the United States could easily harvest another billion bushel crop; and in western Canada crops are starting out under almost ideal moisture conditions. Since crops in Argentina and Australia will not be harvested until next December, it is impossible to make any forecast for those countries, but in Australia there is talk that the wheat acreage this year will be reduced substantially.

On the brighter side, insofar as Canadian exports are concerned, is the fact that wheat stockpiles in the United Kingdom will be exhausted before long and that country will have to step up her purchases. It is reported that British millers are using about 30 per cent of their own weak wheat and so requires a substantial amount of strong Canadian wheat to bolster their mix. Apparently, there is an irreducible minimum of hard wheat used in English bread.

Emphasize Domestic Markets

NAIROBI, Kenya. — Programs of farm production which place emphasis on crops and livestock in greater demand on domestic markets, instead of on products in surplus supply, were advocated in a policy statement accepted by the International Federation of Agricultural Producers. The statement declared that unwieldy surpluses of key commodities presented the greatest problem of farmers at this time.

Allan B. Kline, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, was re-elected president of the IFAP. The meeting was the seventh general conference of the world-wide farm organization; the next will be held in Rome, in the fall of 1955, it was announced.

About one hundred delegates were in attendance, representing some 25,000,000 farm families in 27 countries.

F.A.O. Commissions Film Will Be Made Available to Farm Organizations

PARIS — Showing activities of agricultural co-operatives in Europe, a new film commissioned by FAO and produced under direction of a small group of IFAP delegates, has now been completed and delivered to FAO headquarters here. It runs thirty minutes, and the commentary emphasizes the essential features of co-operative organization. The commentary is in English, but translations into French, German, Italian and Dutch are being prepared. The film will be made available to Ministries of Agriculture and FAO missions in Europe and to farm organizations in North America.

FRIENDS ALL OVER THE WORLD
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courteous in demeanour and of a friendly disposition, he was popular among a wide circle of acquaintances. Friends all over the world will mourn his passing.

Born in Megantic, Quebec, the late Mr. MacLeod chose journalism for his career, working on newspapers in the maritime provinces. Later he went to Boston, Mass., where he was



W. A. MacLEOD

an outstanding journalist, but poor health caused him to move to western Canada.

Pioneer Homesteading

Mr. MacLeod took up a homestead at Druid near Kerrobert, Saskatchewan, in 1906 and experienced the vicissitudes of pioneer farming for three years. Then he joined the Saskatchewan Phoenix and held various executive positions there before launching the Saturday Press in partnership with W. F. Herman and G. P. Armstrong.

Later, Mr. MacLeod took the position of editor of publications for the Saskatchewan government, which he held until he joined the Canadian Wheat Pool in 1927.

His long experience in newspaper work and his association with agriculture made him an ideal publicity man. He knew the problems of the pioneer farmer. He saw the farm co-operative movement grow from its infancy into a powerful agent on behalf of agriculture. The services he rendered to that movement will be for him, a lasting monument.

The late Mr. MacLeod is survived by his widow. His only son Dr. Alan G. MacLeod, predeceased him in 1947. Funeral services were held in Winnipeg on Tuesday and burial was in Saskatoon on Wednesday.

ILO Project in Burma

Short courses in co-operation, for teachers in state schools, are among the projects being carried on in Burma by the ILO.

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CADP SECTION

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3—W. P. Duncan, Elnora (Elnora and District).

4—F. D. Kennedy, Huxley (Huxley and District).

5—Miss Mary Poole, R. 2, Trochu (Trochu, Three Hills, Twining, Wimbome and adjacent points).

6—W. A. Greenway, Acme (Acme, Beiseker, Carbon, Bircham, Grainger, Swallowell, Irricana, Hesketh and all adjacent points).

7—W. M. Johnston, Big Valley (Big Valley, Fenn, Scollard, Rumsey, Morrin, Munson and adjacent points).

District No. 6

1—R. A. Sieben, Altario (Consort, Monitor, Pemukan, Kirriemuir, Compeer, Altario).

2—Les Olsen, Loyalist (Veteran and Loyalist).

3—Glen A. Cole, Brownfield (Brownfield, Bulwark, Talbot, Puffer, Battle Ridge, Silver Heights and adjacent points).

4—Ed. Eckman, Coronation (Fleet, Federal, Lake Thelma and Sullivan).

5—J. E. Maddock, Coronation (Coronation, Throne, Spondin, Scotfield and Hemaruka).

6—W. R. Storch, Scapa (Scapa, Hanna, Dowling, Carolside, Sheerness, Cessford and adjacent points).

7—D. Warwick, Oyen (Oyen, Youngstown, east on C.N.R. mainline).

8—J. Knowles, Byemore (Endiang, Byemore, and adjacent points).

9—F. M. Helm, Leo (Hackett and Leo).

District No. 7

1—M. A. Valli, Brooks (Brooks).

2—A. E. Eckert, Duchess (Gem, Rosemary, Duchess, Patricia, Countess, Millicent and adjacent points, who ship to Brooks Branch).

3—A. Villadsen, Cassils (Gleichen on the northwest including Hussar, Makepeace, Cluny, Bassano to Lomond, Scandia, Rainier, Rolling Hills, south and east to Wardlaw, Cessford, Jenner and all adjacent points).

4—E. Jacobsen, Box 407, Coaldale (All who ship to Lethbridge from west and north including Stavely, Champion, Granum, Monarch, Carmangay, then south to Raymond, Magrath, Cardston including all adjacent points).

5—G. E. Woodcock, Turin (All who ship to Lethbridge north including Turin, Picture Butte, Iron Springs and then east on C.P.R. including points, Grassy Lake, Taber, Barnwell, Chin, and all adjacent points).

6—D. Minion, Warner (All who ship to Lethbridge, south and east on

A.F.A. NOTES

By JAMES R. McFALL, Secretary

Highway Safety Conference

The Alberta Federation of Agriculture played a prominent part in the Premier's Highway Safety Conference held in Edmonton on May 19th. K. V. Kapler, first vice-president of the Federation, was chairman of the agricultural section, one of the eight groups set up for discussion purposes.

The Federation was well represented by board members and others from member organizations of the Federation. Mr. Marler, president, offered the Federation facilities to assist in every way we could to disseminate information regarding highway safety, to the end that our Alberta highways will be safer places to travel.

A.F.A. Marketing Board Meetings

Jim McFall, secretary of the Federation, is in the southern part of the province endeavoring to arrange meetings satisfactory to the M.L.A.'s and the directors in the respective districts of the F.U.A. so that public meetings may be held in each constituency.

Authorized by Annual Meeting

At the last annual meeting of the A.F.A. the Federation was authorized by resolution to hold a meeting in each constituency throughout Alberta, during this year, for the purpose of discussing marketing legislation. At these meetings — which we specially wish every farmer to attend — we will endeavor not only to discuss the considerations which have led up to the request for marketing legislation, but also any alternative proposals which may be suggested to improve the marketing position of Alberta farmers.

At the conclusion of the addresses of special speakers, the meetings will be thrown open for questions and general discussion which, judging by the meetings which have been held, will prove to be of much interest. We look forward with anticipation to the fullest co-operation of F.U.A. directors and locals, and the M.L.A. of the constituency in which the meeting is being held. The dates and places of meetings will be announced through the farm press and our Federation radio program "On the Farm Front", C.F.R.N. Edmonton at 12:15 noon and C.F.C.N. Calgary 12:20 noon, Monday through Friday.

C.P.R. to Coutts and east on C.P.R. from Stirling to Manyberries and all adjacent points in between these towns).

District No. 8

1—C. Christofferson, R. 1, Bowden (Bowden and Netook).

2—H. M. Nicholson, Olds (Olds, Eagle Hill, Harmattan, Mound and Elktion).

2—Ronald Ross, Olds (As above).

3—Ralph Thompson, Cremona (Didsbury, Sundre, Carstairs, Bergen and Westcott).

4—Nels Thesberg, R. 3, Innisfail (Innisfail, Kneehill Valley).

5—M. Ruback, Dickson (Caroline, Dickson, Markerville, Kevissville and Districts).

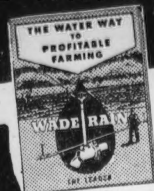
6—Ivan Parcels, Penhold (Penhold and district).

District No. 9

1—J. T. Cullen, Sub P.O. 13, Calgary (All Calgary Fluid Milk Shippers).

Other members receiving votes: J. E. Clark, Stettler (15), Ted Farthing, Lousana (7).

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Production and Marketing — As the Federation of Agriculture is called upon from time to time to give an official opinion with respect to agricultural policy, both provincially and federally, it is necessary for it to have the most complete information possible with respect to production and marketing. With this end in view, and with the present keen interest in hog marketing, the Federation is launching a survey through sending out several thousand post cards to determine the period of time required to produce a market hog.

There has been some difficulty in the past in correlating production figures and marketings with respect to length of time it is necessary to allow for the pig to obtain market weight.

We should indicate at this point that these figures will only be used in the best interests of the producer, and, therefore, do not hesitate to solicit the most considerate attention in providing information on these cards. In order that we may get the most accurate information and remove any possible doubt in the mind of the producer that this information will not be used to his detriment, we point out that it is not necessary for him to sign these cards.

Public Meetings: Producer marketing boards will be discussed at a further series of public meetings arranged by the Federation Board at Coaldale Community Hall (June 7th); Cardston Social centre (June 8th); Fort Macleod Town Hall, (June 9th); and Vulcan Legion Hall (June 10th). Each meeting will begin at 8 p.m. Speakers will include President Roy C. Marler of the AFA; K. V. Kapler, president of Alberta Poultry Producers; and the MLA for the constituency, in each case.

FARM WOMENS LOCALS
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Plans for the Farmers' Day sports and dance were made by St. Albert F.W.U.A. in consultation with the men's local and a delegation from the Morinville F.U.A., writes Mrs. Fuhr. A gift was sent to a polio patient from the district and Mrs. Jack Harold and Mrs. Oliver Sinclair were appointed to help with arrangements for entertaining women visitors to the

C.F.A. convention in Edmonton next January.

Heath F.W.U.A., have appointed their president, Mrs. F. S. Ford, to collect material for the archives committee. At the same meeting plans were made for a basket picnic for Farmers' Day.

Farm young people should have some remunerative interest in the farm. This was the consensus of opinion of Westlock F.W.U.A. after a recent discussion, reports Mrs. Glen.

Sydenham-Gerald F.W.U.A. (Wainwright) have donated \$78 to the building fund — the proceeds from a dance. Mrs. Arthur writes that a home cooking sale is being held in aid of the rest room.

Mrs. Zasebida gave an interesting talk on cancer of the breast to a recent meeting of Inland F.W.U.A., reports the secretary, Mrs. R. Goshko, and \$5 was donated to the Cancer Fund.

As in other years, Bonanza F.W.U.A. will sponsor an end-of-the-year picnic for the school children of the district, writes Mrs. B. Fletcher. These ladies have donated \$100.00 for improvements to the community hall.

Mrs. Lutic was hostess to East Willingdon F.W.U.A. for their May meeting. Plans for an interesting Farmers' Day were discussed and it was decided to hold a benefit dance for a family whose home was destroyed by fire.

Mrs. C. E. Archibald reports that Dakota F.W.U.A. and F.U.A. are joining the Lochinvar local in a Farmers' Day picnic at the Borth farm. Proceeds will be evenly divided and some will go to the building fund.

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By SYDNEY MAY

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We see by the papers that down south a woman reported the theft of the following articles from her car while visiting a western city: a guitar, eight pounds of peanuts, a shirt, a muffler, four pairs of socks, a dress suit, 12 cans of sardines and six cartons of cigarettes. Heck, the thief must have been going to set up a drug store.

Chuck of Chuckawalla says that many a gal who couldn't darn a pair of socks is quite prepared to mend a fellow's ways.

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Nowadays it isn't safe to boast that you are going out to paint the whole town red.

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WHAT'S WHAT?

Staid Gentleman, honorary judge at a horshow, was upset by some of the girls.

"Just look at that young person there with the poodle cut, cigarette and blue jeans," he cried to a bystander. "Is it a boy or a girl?"

"It's a girl," was the reply. "She's my daughter."

"Oh, forgive me sir," apologized the old fellow, "I never dreamed you were her father."

"I'm not," snapped the other, "I'm her mother."

— Thenx to Postage Stamp.

Out our way it was April the first that we heard the first crow caw, but it was not until May ninth that we saw the first crow-cuss.

In Oklahoma we see that eaves-dropping is against the law — so you may stop, you may look, but you mustn't listen.

Says Knotty Frankie, there's one big difference between a soldier and a sailor; whereas the sailor loves a sweetheart in every port a soldier prefers a port in every sweetheart.

LIFE FOR EVERMORE

A marble sepulchre new hewn,
 A dark tempestuous sky,
 A boulder sealing fast the tomb,
 And soldiers standing nigh.

A marble sepulchre new hewn,
 A pink-tipped morning sky,
 Fresh linen on a chiselled floor,
 The risen Christ hard by.

A marble sepulchre new hewn,
 A calm celestial sky,
 One word "Mary", the Master
 spoke.

And man no more may die.

—Jeanette McLellan, Arcola.

According to a news report, a woman applied for the job of executioner at Sing Sing prison. We're not surprised. We always did know that the dear gals like to make a killing.

ISN'T IT THE TRUTH

Once upon a time it used to be a case of "Time Flies," but nowadays it simply marches on, but it goes faster all the same.

BIRDS OF BLUE OF HAPPINESS

As most birds come they just appeared

While yet the Spring was young;
 They rested near where one was reared,

A boy-made house that hung
 Beneath the shelter of a bough,
 That swung and graced a maple
 now.

And so they schemed as bride and groom

Just how their nest would be,
 How they could decorate the room.

A home in that old tree:
 Together planning all their ways
 With happiness to fill their days.

The little chap whose hands had wrought

That wee snug nesting place,
 With avid interest watched and thought,

As smiles lit up his face,
 "Oh boy!" said he, "could this be me
 Who brought such joy to this old tree."

A truth that cannot be denied
 Was his, that Spring to learn;
 It seemed so small what he had tried.

But did so great a turn.
 He captured happiness, so few
 Have learned to see in Birds of Blue.

— W. Griffith Jones, Ponoka

FAMOUS LAST WORDS

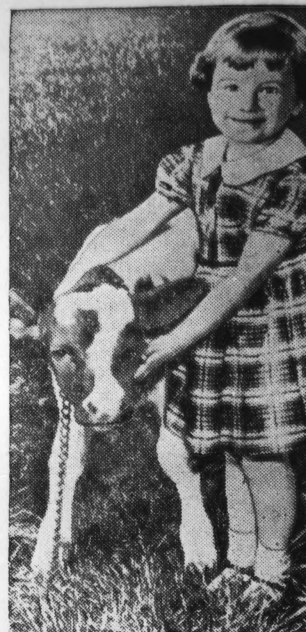
"You know yours is a most fascinating case. I can hardly wait for the post mortem."

SIGNS OF OUR TIME

Artie J. of Vancouver, who has just returned from a visit to the States, reports that a sign in Bloomingburg, N.Y., reads: "Breakfast, Live Bait." Another, says he, at a service station on route 17, advises, "Eat Here. Get Gas."

Knotty Frankie declares that if, as

Born With Lucky Sign



The name of this three-day-old Ayrshire bull calf is "Lucky Seven" and the reason is evident. It is shown with Patricia Gramm, of Peoria, Ill., whose grandfather owns the animal with its name on its forehead.

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some of the medical profession insist, kissing shortens life, he knows a lot of sweet young things who seem prepared to commit suicide.

ALONG THE ROAD

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—Thenx to L. S. C.

GOING TO THE DOGS

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Well, there's one thing I have to state:
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Of Seeds and Men

(New Republic, New York)

Last year it became apparent that service of Agriculture Secretary Ezra Taft Benson's various advisory committees was not without indirect benefits. Eighty thousand tons of peas were secretly sold by the Department to a syndicate for \$30 a ton less than the price offered other buyers. Since the man who handled the deal for the syndicate was a member of Benson's Agricultural Advisory Committee, there was some Congressional protest. The President of the Commodity Credit Corporation admitted "we made a mistake" and promised "we ain't going to do it no more." But it seems to have been done again, only bigger and better.

Just What Was Going on?

Rep. Pat Sutton (D. Tenn.) recently received a letter from a Memphis seed company: it had just learned that the Department of Agriculture had sold 21 million pounds of seed; it had received no pre-sale notification; it had been in business 40 years, would have bid for some of that seed, deserved to be notified, and just what was going on.

Sutton looked into the matter and found that 15 million pounds of that seed, costing the government more than \$6 millions, had been sold for less than \$2 millions to a syndicate of five companies; each company had a representative on Benson's Seed Industry Advisory Committee and the syndicate was headed by the chairman of the Seed Industry Advisory Committee, Lloyd M. Brown; the Agriculture Department did not advertise the sale in the usual way but sent out only a limited circulation press release stating that offers would be considered; a time limit of one week was set for such offers; one day before despatch of the limited circulation press release the Department sent out its regular monthly price list to other companies quoting prices for the same 15 million pounds of seed, three times as high as those paid by the syndicate a few weeks later, and stating "assurance is given buyers . . . that prices will not be reduced before July 1, 1954."

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